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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [8

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THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
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Chan Kit Shan, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st April, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [529

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [67

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [27

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

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GENERAL NOTICE.
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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [29

NOTICE.
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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED $1,000,000
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30

Auction.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 92.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot
TO-MORROW,
the 30th day of March, 1897, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [492

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held To-morrow, the 30th day of March, 1897, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, together with Erection and Buildings thereon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. NE.	SW.	SE.	NW.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 1,403	No 9, Police Station, Caine Road.	75.6	30.0	64.6	70	4,047	160	2,150

KUHN & KOMOR,
JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1896. [457

Intimation.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
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For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [24

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON	Ceylon	J. R. London, R.N.R.	About 3rd April	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	Aden	R. E. L. Hill, R.N.R.	About 3rd April	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
SHANGHAI	Mirzapore	J. F. Jephson	About 4th April	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Rosetta	F. N. Tillard	Noon, 8th April	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	Ancona	W. D. Mudie	Noon, 9th April	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	Candia	G. K. Wright, R.N.R.	About 16th April	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Japan	T. Leigh	About 29th April	Freight or Passage.

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Hongkong, 26th March, 1897. [5

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No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1897. [16

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [19

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Nos. 11, 13 and 15, CENTRAL MARKET.
FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON
CORNED BEEF AND TONGUES
VEAL SAUSAGES.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [116

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
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Hongkong, 15th March, 1897. [85

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General Agents.
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FROM THE
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.
ESTD. 1864.
HOCK. CLARET.
CHABLIS & BURGUNDY.
TELEPHONE—75.
CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS.
15, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1897 [4

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APPLY TO
L. M. ALVARES & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS,
No. 17, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1897. [443

ALL SIZES KEPT IN STOCK BY
SCHEELE & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [385

FOR SALE.
G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.
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Hongkong, 13th February 1897 [26

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TENNIS SHOES.
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HOUSE SLIPPERS,
(VERY CHEAP.)
Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [18

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To-day's Advertisements.

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THOS. P. HUDSON.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [532

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 112.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the 5th to 15th April, 1897, (Sundays excepted), between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. daily, as follows:—

From Belchers' in Westerly and North-Westerly directions.

From Lyemun in Easterly and North-Easterly directions.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

The inhabitants of the houses near Belchers' are warned to keep their glass windows open during the PRACTICE, and all people working in the vicinity of Belchers' Batteries are also warned to keep clear of that part which will be indicated by gunners placed on sentry for the purpose.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [539

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLUS,"

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [486

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HUNAN,"

Captain Frazier, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1897. [534

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 1st April, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [494

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"

Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 1st April, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [526

FOR SINGAPORE HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offers.)
(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

THE Steamship

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Captain Madsen, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd April, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [535

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to COPENHAGEN, STOCKHOLM, NORRKOPING, GEFLE, DANTZIC and KONIGSBERG, with transhipment in HAMBURG.)

THE Company's Steamship

"COWRIE,"

Captain Parsons, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 10th April.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [536

To-day's Advertisements.

CATHAY CHAPTER,

No. 1165.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [506

VICTORIA CHAPTER,

No. 525, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 2nd April, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [533

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FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED, "SUN KAM SHAN" VILLA, ROBINSON ROAD, Corner of PEEL STREET,
Opposite "THE BUNGALOW,"
From or after 15th April, 1897.
Apply at house or to
JOHN LEMM,
Architect,
64, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [538

FROM SEATTLE, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"WAKANOURA MARU,"

having arrived from above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods ex-ship or from alongside. Any Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
NIPPON YU EN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [540

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 3rd April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 4th April, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [537

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 6th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [541

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [370a

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BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6

BIRTH.

At Charlton, London, on the 23rd February, the wife of H. E. A. HOILE (Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.), of a daughter.

DEATH.

At Suez, on the 24th February, the Hon. MARTIN LISTER, British Resident, Negri Sembilan, second son of Thomas, third Baron Ribblesdale; aged 40.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1897.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

We note, with a very considerable degree of satisfaction, that the Secretary of State has put an end to the use, in the Gaol, for purposes of punishment, of the brutal rattan and that the instrument to be used in future, both for adults and for boys under sixteen, is the birch. The object of punishment is to deter by the infliction of pain. The object is not to seek revenge or satisfaction by the infliction of bodily injury. The use of the rattan always resulted in serious bodily injury, and sometimes, as we have seen, was followed by death. The birch will give pain, and pain enough if effectively handled, and is not likely to do any grievous bodily harm.

Of course the Government has not published the despatch from the Secretary State, nor made known to any one outside of the charmed circle of the Executive Council that any action had been taken or any instructions given in consequence of the deaths last year of two men under the rattan, and of the report of the Commission appointed to investigate and report on the modes of punishment in use in Victoria Gaol. We have only ascertained the fact from an examination of the new code of Rules and Regulations for the management of the prison published in the *Gazette* on Saturday last, from which, without beat of drum or notice of any kind, the rattan has *retired, never, we* hope, to be restored. We take some credit to ourselves for its abolition and for compelling the Government to take prompt action in respect of the death of the last prisoner in June, 1896, the Coroner having utterly failed to perform his duty in the premises.

In looking over the new Rules and Regulations, which appear in many respects an improvement on the old, we notice one or two apparent slips to which we would ask the attention of the authorities. Section 39 appears to be a needless repetition of section 36. Section 38 seems to imply that the Governor—of the Colony, it must be, and not of the Gaol, as the title of the Chief of the Gaol is Superintendent—has power to confiscate a prisoner's money or property. In sections 280 and 281, by which it is provided that ordinary prison offences not otherwise punishable with the birch may be so punished, if the offences are of a character requiring to be suppressed by "extraordinary means" or if the Superintendent is of opinion that his powers are insufficient, and by which it is further provided that no corporal punishment shall in any case be inflicted without the written authority of the Governor, there seems to be a serious omission. The supervision of the Governor over such sentences must be wholly ineffective unless the Superintendent and Justices authorising corporal punishment are required to forward to the Governor not merely the evidence in the case, but also a special report on the facts and circumstances which in the particular case render the application of "extraordinary means" necessary and proper. The Governor is constituted a Court of Review over the Superintendent and Justices and unless he is provided with all the materials they had before them and on which they exercised their discretion, he cannot perform his functions. The evidence against the prisoner will not by itself furnish all the required material for a reconsideration.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ENGLAND'S POLICY IN THE FAR EAST.

Our readers will doubtless remember that last June we mentioned that we had received a visit from Messrs TOKUTOMI and FUKAI, Proprietors and Editors of some leading Japanese journals, who were proceeding on a tour to Europe to study the different systems of government and social and political economy in force in the various countries; but more especially that of England. By to-day's mail we received the following very interesting account of their views on England and her policy, which may be of interest to our readers as being those of intelligent men looking at the question from an outsider's point of view. That their conclusions have not been hastily arrived at is patent from the fact that they have visited nearly all the principal countries of Europe. Their observations are as follow:—

"When we met you last June you were not loth to confess that the British policy in the Far East was not strong enough and that you were very sorry about it. Indeed, it seemed to be recognised on all hands that the influence and prestige of Great Britain in the Far East suffered considerably since the war between Japan and China. There was growing in certain quarters a sort of misgiving about the capability of Great Britain. She was thought to have become too old to be capable of strong and decisive actions. We confess that we were rather inclined to share this misgiving. Judging from her recent actions and non-actions in the Far East, this inclination on our part was not wholly unreasonable. But, seeing England actually and comparing it with the countries of Europe, we have been firmly convinced that it is a great mistake to disparage the strength of the English nation. England is not surpassed by any other country, not only in the wealth and strength already accumulated, but also in vigour, vitality, and resources. The reason why she seems sometimes to be inactive and even weak is that her territory is so scattered over the world that she cannot be always vigilant in all quarters. She is sometimes negligent of her interests in certain parts of her territory, and we daresay this has been the case with her recent policy in the Far East. Not that she has become incapable of strong and decisive action, but that she has not paid sufficient attention to the affairs of the Far East.

"We have had occasion to talk with many prominent Englishmen and have been surprised at their incomplete and inaccurate knowledge—if not to say ignorance—of Far Eastern affairs. Here is the key for the solution of the question why English policy has not been strong enough in the Far East.

"Under these circumstances we think it is highly desirable that Englishmen who are in the Far East should do their best to draw the attention of their countrymen at home to the affairs of that quarter.

"Nobody can deny that Russian influence has an ascendency in China, and this fact cannot be but to the detriment of the interests of Great Britain. Great Britain may not be in need of more territory, but it is desirable for her to secure as wide a field for her commerce as possible. For this purpose she must take measures, before it is too late, to counterbalance the Russian influence in the Far East, because it is evident that the prosperity of commerce is closely connected with international politics.

"The attitude of England at the close of the Japan-China war has unmistakably struck the Japanese people. As well-wishers of England we have been most anxious to see her adopt a more decisive policy in the Far East, and are very glad to have found that she is by no means incapable of doing so. Much will depend, however, on whether you stimulate your countrymen at home sufficiently or not."

THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

We are not red-hot supporters of the Honourable C. P. CHATER at all times and under all circumstances. He has made mistakes at times under what we conceive to be the strong influence of his personal interests and natural prepossessions. We do not blame him. Such mistakes are unavoidable. They do not expose him to condemnation. They only put us on our guard and prevent us following him blindly in all things. But he is a man of strong common sense, of very great business knowledge and experience, of sound judgment in most things, with a very keen insight into the future. He is an able and an active man, and whatsoever his hand findeth to do he doeth with all his might. He has held a leading position for many years in Hongkong and his leading has in the main been successful. We think he is in his proper place as Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, and if there are any honours or rewards at all likely to attach to the holder of that position he has, considering his services to the Colony, the best right to be placed in the way of them. We do not think, with the utmost respect for Sir JOHN CARRINGTON, his high position, his great abilities, and the warm interest he takes in everything that concerns the Colony, that he has yet been long enough among us to have a fair claim to be constituted the leader and mouthpiece of the community on a great occasion. His time, we are sure, will come, and the longer he remains with us the more highly he will be honoured and esteemed, but his time is not yet. His friends are doing him no service in complaining now.

A FAIRLY REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

We do not like Committees for public purposes appointed by the Governor. He is not the community and is not very closely in touch with it. The Jubilee Committee should have been elected. We need not say that we do not care to see Government officials, either, on such committees. Their allegiance to the Government hampers them in many cases. Fortunately the Jubilee Committee has only three out of twenty-seven, and it seems to us, with all respect to the critics, that it is a very fairly representative Committee and one capable of doing very good work. Eight or nine of the men are good workers and organisers. Of course the inclusion in it of Dr. HO KAI's name was an oversight, but Mr. COOPER will before he leaves the Colony be able to give valuable assistance. We understand he is not going just yet.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

LORD SALISBURY.

LONDON, March 26th.

Lord Salisbury has gone to the Riviera to recuperate after an attack of influenza.

GREECE AND THE POWERS.

Greece has presented a fresh Note to the Powers in which she protests against their action in regard to Crete and holds them answerable for the result.

AUSTRIA ON THE QUI VIVE.

An Austrian cruiser has captured a Greek steamer and a sailing ship which were carrying volunteers and ammunition to Crete.

(From *Australian Papers.*)

HONGKONG NAVAL WORKS.

LONDON, March 5th.

The Admiralty has authorised the expenditure of £100,000 at Hongkong, with the view of making the port a first-class naval base.

SIR GEORGE O'BRIEN PROMOTED.

LONDON, March 2nd.

Sir George Thomas Michael O'Brien, K.C.M.G., formerly Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, has been appointed to succeed the late Sir J. B. Thurston as Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

(From *L'Avenir du Tonkin.*)

THE CRETAN DIFFICULTY.

PARIS, March 20th.

It is certain that the blockade of Greece will commence ten days hence if the blockade of Crete is ineffective

(From *Kobe Chronicle.*)

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTIONS IN FORMOSA.

TOKIO, March 19th.

The Government has submitted to the Lower House a Bill for granting a subsidy to the Formosa Railway Co. of 15,000,000 yen, equal to 6 per cent. of the Company's capital. It is proposed that this amount should be spread over twelve years, and it will be drawn from the indemnity money.

THE IMPORT TARIFF.

TOKIO, March 17th.

The House of Representatives assembled at 1.30 p.m.

Mr. Abe Okindo, reporting the proceedings of the Import Tariff Bill Committee, stated that the Committee had adopted the Bill as proposed by the Government, with the exception of amendments of the tariff relating to 19 out of over 500 items enumerated. The Committee had voted to raised the duties on watches and similar goods imported between 5 and 10 per cent., upon coffee, etc., by ½ per cent., upon wines and liquors by 10 per cent., and on lamps, &c., by 5 per cent., over and above the duties proposed in the Bill; while, on the other hand, the Committee had reduced the duty to be imposed on coal by 5 per cent. He recommended the House to adopt the Bill at once.

Mr. Yoshimoto moved that the Bill be at once adopted, the formalities of second and third readings being dispensed with.

Mr. Hashimoto thought the duty on sugar was low in comparison with other commodities, and moved that it be raised from 5 to 10 per cent.

Mr. Megata, Director of the Revenue Bureau, pointed out that the production of sugar in Japan was only 13,360,000 catties, while imports of sugar were about 223,000,000 catties. As there was a great demand for sugar, in this country, the lower rate of duty would be advantageous.

The motion of Mr. Hashimoto was lost. The Bill was adopted by a large majority and passed through all its stages.

BARON NISHI.

TOKIO, March 18th.

Baron Nishi, late Minister to St. Petersburg, has been appointed a Privy Councillor.

DELEGATES TO THE POSTAL CONVENTION.

TOKIO, March 17th.

Messrs. Komatsu Kenjiro and Yugawa Kwankichi have been appointed to attend the International Postal Convention to be held in Washington in May next. They have also been instructed to visit Europe.

(From *Bangkok Observer.*)

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, March 15th.

A circular has been despatched by the Russian Government proposing that each of the six Powers should forthwith send 2,000 men to Crete and occupy the island, so compelling the Greek troops to withdraw.

THE CORBETT-FITZSIMMONS FIGHT.

The Nagasaki *Shipping List* of the 20th instant has the following statement *re* the prize-fight that was to take place on the 17th March:—

"Bob Fitzsimmons, the Australian champion fighter, boxed and defeated Jim Corbett, the world's champion, at Carson City, Nevada, on St. Patrick's day. The fight lasted fourteen rounds. Fitzsimmons is a Cornishman by birth."

The *S. L.* does not state where it got this information.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine Relief Fund begs to acknowledge receipt of the undernoted subscriptions:—

Already acknowledged	$ 48,616.53
Barque de l'Indo-Chine	500
St John's Lodge.....	50
Total to date.....	$49,166.53

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CATTLE plague is raging in Siam.

NIGHT-SOIL coolies are to be seen in town after prohibited hours.

3,240,000 persons are now engaged on the famine relief works in India.

PROFESSOR WEYERSTRASS, the well-known Berlin mathematician, is dead.

IT is reported that Mr. Bredon, Commissioner of Customs at Canton, has resigned.

THE Korat Railway was formally opened by the King of Siam on Friday last.

IT was a brisk time at the Magistracy to-day, no less than 54 cases being on the programme.

DR. FOWLIE has won the Singapore Golf Championship from Captain Eccles by 5 up and 4 to play.

REAR-ADMIRAL F. V. Dubossoff hoisted his flag on the *Pamiat Azova* at Nagasaki on the 20th instant.

THE Earl of Mansfield, "Father of the House of Lords," completed his 91st year on the 20th ultimo.

ANOTHER Commandant's parade of the Volunteers will be held at the Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 31st inst.

THE French cruiser *Descartes*, which relieves the *Alger* in the Far East, arrived at Colombo on the 9th instant, from Brest.

COMMUNICATION *via* Eastern has been restored, and telegrams exchanged with Europe and America are now following the normal routes.

IT is expected that the new "White Star" liner will not only break the Atlantic record, but will eclipse all previous attempts in the military transport.

THE *Straits Times* states that a private telegram was received at Singapore on the 20th instant reporting that the epidemic of plague at Bombay is steadily decreasing.

THE 1894 issue of Labuan stamps have been surcharged in black "1846, Jubilee—1896," in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the cession of that island to Great Britain.

IT has leaked out that *Kenu* (Mr. Porter, of Kingsclere, owner) is a "dark 'un" for the Derby. He is likely to turn out another *Common*, and is by *Donovan* out of *Kangle*.

MR. SWETTENHAM, Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, having been granted one year's leave, Mr. C. W. S. Kynnersley, of the Penang staff, has been appointed to take over his duties.

RACE meeting festivities were brought to a conclusion on the 19th instant at Foochow with a capital performance of the farcical comedy "Engaged" by the Foochow Amateur Dramatic Society.

THE drain and pipes fiend is causing a great deal of inconvenience to the traffic in Queen's Road Central. Will the responsible authority kindly have this busy thoroughfare put in proper order *as soon as possible.*

A RUSSIAN prince will convey to Peking shortly some presents which the Tsar is sending to the Emperor of China as an acknowledgment of the gifts received from the "Son of Heaven" on the occasion of his coronation.

CHUNG YUK, a Chinese woman, was fined $300, with the alternative of 3 months' "hard," at the Magistracy this morning for unlawfully having in her possession 15 taels of illicit opium and also 13⅓ taels of opium dross in excess. She paid the fine.

THE *Straits Times* solemnly states in its issue of the 20th March that "the next meeting of the Legislative Council is fixed for All Fools' Day!" It is an equally noteworthy fact that

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD WILL NOT BE HELD ON ALL FOOLS' DAY!

Highly satisfactory!

GEORGE REMEDIOS, a Portuguese, was fined $7 at the Police Court to-day for attempting to rescue a prisoner from the custody of the police. It appears that P.C. 337 was on duty at Praya East and on information received went up to Cross Street, where he saw upwards of ten Indian soldiers, one of whom was assaulting a Chinese youth. The Indian, who afterwards turned out to be Gundar Singh, the famous runner, was at once arrested. On the way to the station, while crossing Nalla Lane, the defendant came up to them and asked the constable what business he had with the prisoner and also tried to rescue him.

SEVERAL Russian officers will shortly arrive at Odessa (says a *Times'* telegram from that place) who have received the permission of the Minister of War to proceed to Korea for the purpose of acting as instructors there and forming regiments of cavalry and infantry as well as batteries of artillery.

THE *Marine Française*, after observing that Great Britain is in entire possession of the route to India and the Far East, from the entrance of the Mediterranean at Gibraltar to the outlet of the Red Sea at the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, goes on to say that "France can cut that route at three places—Oran, from that town to Cape de Gata in Spain, Bizerta, and Sheikh Said. With these places, the journal adds, we isolate Egypt by separating it at once from London and Bombay. What we must have is an impregnable fort on the western extremity of our Algerian frontiers, as near Gibraltar as possible. An arsenal in full operation should be established at Bizerta, and this place should become the seat of a maritime prefecture. In the Gulf of Tajura there should be a well-supplied and well-defended harbour of refuge, and at Cape Sejam on the Suba Island and at Sheikh Said a combination of works commanding the whole Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb.—Capital! Now all France has to do is to give full effect to this programme and "sit tight" until the mine is properly laid. Then Albion will be humbled.

THE resources of Hudson's Surprise Party appear to be inexhaustible and on Saturday night they gave another entirely new programme. The Theatre Royal was well filled and the enthusiasm with which the various performers were received shows that they have all won a very large measure of popularity. With so capable a company it is invidious to particularise, but the Gourlay's in their comic sketches certainly call for special mention, public opinion pronouncing them two of the cleverest artists seen in Hongkong. Then there is the versatile "Thos. P." himself, lively as a two-year-old and loaded up to the muzzle with jokes of assorted ages, but all excruciatingly funny. Wallace King's tenor songs are a long way above the average of a variety show and so, too, is Miss Habgood's artistic manipulation of the pianoforte. Another very warm favourite is Miss Violet Elliott, her songs always being loudly applauded, and the same applies to Miss Stanbridge. The sesto-comic artists Misses Thornton (2), Ida Linton, and the dancers Miss J. Williams and Messrs McKieson and Kearns and juggler Altro go to form a very strong combine and, if one has "that tired feeling" or anything of the kind, a visit to the Surprise Party can be safely recommended as a certain cure.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, writing from Cairo under date the 8th February, to the Secretary of the Guildhall Club at Newbury, informing him that he will return to England in time to give members his promised address on matters connected with the British Navy, says:—"Mr. Brodrick's speech made lately in the House of Commons shows that the Government have at last a definite plan of campaign and some idea of what position our Fleet should occupy in the event of war. This is proved by the proposal to fortify important strategic bases at present absolutely undefended. It is grand news to those who understand the question. Without such fortified bases it is palpable that no clear plan of campaign existed at headquarters, and a happy-go-lucky method must have prevailed in the event of war. The Government appear to me to have really begun to put our defences into business-like trim, and to have looked into and endeavoured to make complete all those auxiliaries, any one of which, being imperfect, would jeopardise the defence of the Empire as a whole. God speed the Government. There is a terrible lot to do yet before the country is safe. It is always very hard for the authorities to make proposals involving large sums of money unless the public and the press combine to show that they wish such expenditure.—The more our people are educated up to the facts of the case the more certain it is that they (the people) will insist on weak points being made strong."

IT is with some hesitation that we refer once again to the awful condition to which the insensate folly of faddists has reduced the Army in India and is injuring our seamen in Far Eastern seas. It is, however, a public duty, though a most painful one, not to allow the subject to drop until there is some reasonable prospect that the Government will take the matter in hand. It has been suggested by General Maurice that it would be a step in the right direction if the terrible cause of all these evils were placed upon the same footing as small-pox, typhoid, and other infectious diseases, the sufferers from which have to notify their condition to the Sanitary Authority. We (*The Globe*) are not sure that such a provision would pass the House of Commons with any more ease than the C. D. Acts themselves or the reversal of *that abominable resolution by which disease and death are being dealt out in double measure to our young Soldiers in India.* We are still *less confident* that it would be anything like as effective as the re-enactment of the Acts, and we cannot help feeling that when the Government can summon up sufficient courage to deal with the question at all, they may just as well do so thoroughly. The saddest thing in the case is that, no matter what they do, the harm which has already been inflicted can never be undone. Generations hence men will have good cause to curse the memory of the frantic fanatics who now play at Providence, and determine the punishment of sin. Nevertheless, much may still be done, and all whose opinion is worth the consideration of a sensible man look to the present Government to take the matter in hand without delay. Is there not one strong man among them who will dare to speak the truth and do the right, and leave the defence of his character to the care of all wise and honest men? Such a man would not suffer at the hands of intelligent and honest men.

A VEHICLE driver was charged at the Magistracy to-day by F. M. Roza Pereira with damaging his "bike." The complainant stated that at about 6 p.m. on Saturday evening he was returning from Quarry Bay with his bicycle. In Queen's Road, west of the Cricket Ground, he dismounted and was walking with it along the left side of the road when the defendant with an occupied rickshaw came dashing along and ran over his bicycle, damaging the front wheel to the extent of $50. (Fancy!). Mr. K. W. Mounsey appeared for the defence and after a long address succeeded in convincing Capt. Hastings that no blame could be attached to the defendant, who was discharged. The complainant left the Court in an angry state, with his badly damaged "bike" in tow.

A CHURCH Parade of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps was held yesterday, the troops attending the Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Major Sir John Carrington (Commandant of the Corps) reading the lessons. About forty non-commissioned officers and men of the Field Battery and about 18 of the Machine Gun Company were present, together with all the officers. On returning to headquarters Sir John Carrington addressed the men and complimented them on their smart appearance, but said he had to regret that there was not a bigger muster; he fully expected double the number. He was anxious to see the Hongkong Corps as efficient as Corps in England and he strongly hoped that all the men would turn up to the drills in order that the Corps might be on the same footing, in regard to efficiency, as any other Corps.

A VERY enjoyable children's party was given at the Government House this afternoon. There were upwards of a hundred little girls and boys present who will long remember their afternoon's pastime. Early in the morning a few handy bluejackets from the *Victor Emanuel* were working on the decorations. In one corner a platform was erected to a tree about 10 feet from the ground and a wire descended from there to another tree 50 yards away. To this was fixed a swing and the little folks evidently very much appreciated this aerial "trip" from the large number (ever increasing) waiting their turn. On the lawn the boys played cricket. His Excellency took great interest in their pleasure, going from place to place to see that all were enjoying themselves. Tea was also served and on the whole the gathering of "little Robinson's" playmates proved a great success.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL.

Mr. R. K. Leigh has sent in the following suggestions to the Jubilee Memorial Committee:—

Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart,
Hon. Secretary,
The Queen's Memorial.

Dear Sir,—In response to the invitation of your committee for suggestions as to what form the permanent memorial to Her Majesty should take in this Colony I beg to offer the following:—

First.—Finish the Jubilee Statue of Her Majesty.

To do this I suggest that the bronze statue should be gilded, and as an instance of a bronze statue under a canopy being gilded I refer you to the Albert Memorial in Kensington Gardens. The four corner bronzes should also be fixed and these, in my opinion, should be four rampant lions defending the statue of Her Majesty, as the pedestals are too small for anything in the nature of groups of figures. A low ornamental wrought iron railing should also be fixed round the *top* step of the base.

These additions would transform the appearance of the monument entirely, which at present is anything but pleasing, and if this opportunity of completing it is not taken advantage of it may remain a very long time in its present unfinished condition.

The cost would not be large and might come out of the general subscription fund.

Second.—As a permanent memorial of the present occasion, I beg to suggest that a really fine Clock Tower with a good clock and bell should be built at a suitable point on the new Praya Reclamation where it could be seen and heard from any part of the city as well as the harbour. This would not only be a permanent and suitable form of monument to commemorate the occasion, but would also fill a real want and add to the general appearance of the city front.

I would propose that it should be built at Pedder's Wharf and could be placed clear of the Praya so as not to obstruct the traffic and the lower portion could be designed to form an arch leading to the wharf. A stone describing the object for which the tower was erected could be built in and the clock should be illuminated so as to be seen by night as well as by day.

The present clock tower has become so surrounded by high buildings that it can no longer be seen from anywhere, neither are the dials sufficiently large nor the bell sufficiently powerful to be seen or heard at any distance and the tower has become a considerable obstruction to the traffic.

This proposed new Clock Tower might well, I think, be built out of the public funds, as it would be useful alike to all classes in the Colony. The cost would also be quite small compared to some of the schemes which I have heard discussed, such as the purchase and enlarging of the City Hall, a road round the Island, or the building and endowing of a College of Medicine, none of which could be carried out under a very large sum, nor would they be so general in character to all classes nor appropriate in form as a good public clock tower.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours truly,
R. K. LEIGH.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897.

PHOTOGRAPHING FORTS.

NOT A EUROPEAN THIS TIME.

We learn from a vernacular contemporary that a Japanese paper published at Fusan has created a sensation by a report that a sergeant in charge of a small military detachment at Omotena fort, on Tsushima, has allowed a spy in the pay of "a certain country" to take photographs of Omotena and the adjoining forts on the understanding that he should receive a sum of 50,000 yen. (Another report alleges that this amount was to be equally divided among five men. The "certain country" seems particularly liberal in disbursements.) The spy, the paper adds, was not a foreigner, but a resident of Osaka, who has been arrested. Evidence is alleged to have been found in the man's hand-bag. Omotena, it is stated, is "a most important strategical point" and, being so important, a military guard of ten men is stationed there!—*Kobe Chronicle.*

THE V. R. C. SPORTS.

SOME JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

BY "NEMO."

It was hard work to get a rickshaw at 1 o'clock on Saturday, such a rush was there for the Victoria Recreation Club's Sports at Happy Valley, and probably more people hurried through "tiffin" that day than had done so for a long time past. Right up till well into the afternoon public and private vehicles flowed along Queen's Road and the Praya in an unceasing stream, and the road at the entrance to the ground at Happy Valley suggested a regular racecourse scene.

All Hongkong and his wife were there, soldiers and sailors, peoples of all nations. The racecourse with its pretty surroundings looked as picturesque as ever, the hills in the foreground being clothed in rich herbage varying in hue from a bright green to dark brown, and just overhead great masses of mist came rolling in through the gap from seawards, soon shutting off the hill tops from view.

The ground, or its occupants rather, afforded a fine study for one interested in the many phases of human nature and who had not backed some favourite sprinter or bicycle rider. The Grand Stand was largely occupied by the fair sex, and the many dainty costumes in evidence would have afforded scope for a "fashion reporter" to have spread himself over columns. "Himself?" I hear some fair one say in surprise. Yes; it's a true bill, and I'm giving away a "trade secret," but most newspaper "ladies' columns" are supplied by men who, strange to say, have the greatest quaffing capacity and smoke the strongest tobacco on the staff. But, to the sports. The space to the right of the Grand Stand was occupied by the red-coated musicians of the West Yorks, and their playing was perfect, while the selection of pieces made by Bandmaster Bentley was as usual an exceedingly suitable one. Just over the way the "Vic's" proprietors, Messrs Madar and Farmer, had established a bar, and here, as the weather was warm and so many people met friends, the "boys" were kept very actively employed in dispensing the refreshments peculiar to such occasions. The stands overhead were not in great request, most people preferring to stroll about or watch the events from the rails.

Just by the winning post and opposite the Grand Stand, the committee had railed off a space for lady visitors, and fitted it with chairs and platforms from which an excellent view was had. Across the track was a veritable "colour line," not the one that John L. Sullivan rose against Peter Jackson, but one as variegated as Joseph's famous coat. There were soldiers in red and soldiers in blue with white, black and yellow facings, and soldiers in *khaki* with no facings at all, blue jackets from the fleet, and Hindoos and Sikhs in voluminous white garments and headgear that embraced all the primal tints and others beside. The effect of this array, with a background of rich green, was undoubtedly striking and would have afforded fine scope for a painter like Faith or Meissonier. Our celestial cousins mustered in hundreds, and every grade of Chinese was there, from the humble cargo coolie right up to the Chinese gentleman in robes of silk and velvet. "Chrysanthemum land" was also well represented and the little *demoiselles*, with their quaint *coiffures* and extravagant *obis* were by no means the least interested spectators. The genial features of Her Majesty's representative were to be seen midst the throng and also those of that typical British soldier, the Major-General, and his comrade in the sister Service, Admiral Buller. Then there was also the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, who, taking a respite from Ministerial duties, was acting as referee. Captain Hastings, as one of the judges, looked better pleased than when sending up illicit opium people, larcenists *et hoc genus omne* at his daily levees, and that genial young Adonis whom people call "Fritz" outdid Boyle Rochfa's bird in the discharge of his duties as Hon. Sec. Law and order had its representatives in European and Indian police, and many of the Central's Scotchmen were present in mufti. These latter were to have taken part in the tug-of-war, but as they were unable to meet their old opponents, the gun lascars, and retrieve the defeat at the circus, they decided not to pull. One brawny Scot, McVicar, of the police, however, scored a win for the Force in putting the shot.

The victory of McKirdy in the one mile Bicycle Race was a very popular one, and it was after this event that the word went round the ground that Martinez, who had pushed him so closely, was the champion of Manila. Naturally enough, there was no end of discussion as to the chances of the pair in the two-mile race, and McKirdy's friends stuck to him loyally. The race, however, showed that the sturdy Mac had met his match, although it is said one of his feet came out of the toe-clip and he lost his pedal for a while. Anyhow the race was a clinker and Henderson, who finished second, rode gamely all through, while the winner, who finished with one hand waving overhead, appeared to be in no way distressed by his exertions. Someone near me remarked "the Quarry Bay crowd have been hard hit this time," but what was meant I know not, being a poor hand at enigmas. The result of the race appeared to give great satisfaction to a number of young gentlemen whose features bespoke Southern origin, and they accorded the winner a very well deserved ovation. In the Rev. G. R. Vallings, muscular Christianity had a good exponent and his throw of the cricket ball (94 yards) just beats Klinck's throw of last year by 10 yards.

One of the prettiest events of the day was the hurdle race, and the winner, Worsley, of the West Yorks, took his 10 flights in the cleanest style, while Hyndman and James showed themselves good performers over the sticks and made a tie. For once that agile old Indian, Gundar Singh had to suffer defeat, but his friends claim that had the distance been a mile instead of half that distance he would have scored a win. For a perfect "whale" for prizes commend me to F. H. Kew. This promising young athlete not only annexed the 120 yards handicap from scratch but he took the long jump prize, and followed it up by winning the 100 yards flat race, and a little later on he pulled off the 220 yards handicap from scratch as well. One genial jokist termed him a very "pe-*Kew*-liar young man" and was immediately mulcted in the usual penalties.

Mr. Ho Tung's prize failed to attract any lady cyclists into the arena and this was certainly a disappointment for us all. Like many others here and abroad, I have had some narrow escapes from being Juggernauted by the fair creatures' pneumatic tyres and would much have liked to see them pitted in a competition that would have been terribly earnest if nothing else.

In the tug of war the strapping team of marines had to cry "a go" to the West Yorks. The infantry men, though not tall as a rule, strip remarkably well, and some of the teams that took part in their last garrison sports should, with good training, be very hard for even the Indian gunners or police to beat.

The other events were all interesting and the field arrangements appeared to be carried out in first-rate style. It is true that I did hear some growling about the handicap given Martinez in the 2-mile bicycle race, *i e.*, 100 yards, but that no doubt is a matter that can best be left to the handicappers themselves to answer for.

Certainly the Club is to be complimented on a very enjoyable afternoon's pastime, and the way in which the youth of Hongkong entered into the spirit of the thing shows that manly sport and fair play is not going to suffer at their hands. It is a pity that several such gatherings had not been held earlier in the season, but, there, I suppose we should have had the cricket and football people crying out, and, after all, it was found out a long time ago that its no use trying to please everybody.

A race for little girls, not on the cards, resulted in a win for Miss Eva Rodger, with Miss Gertie Baker a good second.

Kew's 100 yards in 10 1/5 (on grass) may be set down as a record.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Saturday night the annual dinner of the above Club took place at the Hongkong Club, over 50 gentlemen being present. The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, president, was in the chair. He announced that for specially meritorious play caps were to be presented to Lieuts. A. D. H. Grayson R. A., A. M. D. Wood, and C. W. Gordon, W.Y., and Mr. A. C. Padday. Badges were also to be presented to Messrs. H. W. Cooker (captain), H. Pinckney and F. H. Beasley for specially good play in the Association game. In recognition of Mr. F. Browne's three years' service as Hon. Secretary a presentation was also made to that gentleman. The dinner was an excellent one and the evening passed off very enjoyably, songs by Lieut. Grayson and Messrs. D. K. Silman and C. H. Grace considerably enhancing the pleasure of the entertainment. The toast list was as follows:—"The Queen." Proposed by the Chairman. "The Hongkong Football Club." Proposed by Commander Sir R. K. Arbuthnot, R.N. Responder:—Mr. H. W. Looker, Capt., Assoc. "Other Football Clubs in Hongkong." Proposed by the Chairman. Responders:—Mr. J. M. Steel, H.M.S. *Centurion*, and Lieut. T. N. Howard, W.Y.R. "Our Guests." Proposed by Mr. G. H. Potts, Capt. Rugby. Responders:—Lieut. T. L. Shelford, R.N. and Mr. J. McKie. "The Chairman." Proposed by Mr. E. F. Mackay.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Changsha*, Capt. J. E. Williams, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour to-day. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges:—

LONDON, February 22nd.

News received from San Francisco states that the prisoner Butler now alleges that Captain Lee Weller, after drinking heavily, committed suicide with the aid of a pistol which Butler had given him, and which was loaded with a bullet similar to that reported to have been found when the supposed murderer was arrested on board the *Swanhilda*.

—Butler says that he buried the body of Lee Weller himself.

March 1st.

Reports from San Francisco state that Butler has cabled to a bank in Sydney for a remittance of £1,000. The alleged murderer has also sold his autobiography. The San Francisco *Examiner* says that Butler gives his true name as John Newman, and states that he was born at West Bromwich, in Staffordshire, four miles from Birmingham. According to the same paper Butler declares that he served in the Zulu and Egyptian wars. The Commissioner of the United States "holds" Butler for extradition to New South Wales pending appeal to the Supreme Court.

March 3rd

The steamer *Aorangi*, which has been purchased by the Canadian-Australian line for the mail service between Sydney and Vancouver, has been taken a trial trip. She steamed 17 knots an hour.

PERTH (W. A.), March 1st.

A ship, the name of which is unknown, was wrecked between Fremantle and Geraldton on Saturday night. It is rumoured that several lives were lost.

March 2nd.

The wrecked vessel turns out to be the *Villalta*. Captain Harland and one apprentice were drowned. The remainder of the crew, to the number of 13, were landed, and made their way to Gingin.

March 3rd.

President Cleveland has vetoed the Immigrants' Alien Bill passed by Congress.

A body of Russian infantry has started for the Chinese province of Manchuria in order to protect the surveyors engaged on the extension of the Trans-Siberian railway to Vladivostock.

ADELAIDE, March 3rd.

Mr. Geo Donaldson, a solicitor, of Port Augusta, left his home early this morning, and later in the day his body was found floating in Spencer Gulf. The deceased was the late special magistrate at Port Augusta.

AUCKLAND, March 4th.

The steamer *Tavinui* has arrived here from Samoa, and reports that Tamasese is stirring up strife at Una against Malietoa. Taking advantage of the absence of the English and German warships, he has collected a strong party, and Malietoa, fearing attack, has surrounded the palace with a strong guard. The rebels were still at Apia when the *Tavinui* left, but they expect to come to blows within a month unless warships arrive to stop the rebellion.

SYDNEY, March 11th.

Two of the speediest New South Wales cyclists entered for to-night's carnival—George Meadham and W. S. M'Combs—were rendered *hors de combat* for the present by a collision which occurred while training at the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day. Their machines touched, and both were thrown on to the track with terrific force.

A JAPANESE COTTON MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Three buildings of the factory of the Osaka Seimen Kaisha (cotton ginning company) at Kawasaki Mura, Nishi Nari district, Osaka, have been destroyed by fire. We learn from our vernacular contemporaries that, apart from the buildings themselves, the damage done is estimated at about 18,000 yen, including 3,000 yen for the machinery, 2,600 yen for 2,000 *kwanme* (about 16,666 lbs.) of raw cotton, and 12,600 yen for 8,000 *kwanme* (about 66,666 lbs.) of yarn. The fire, it appears, broke out on the upper floor about 6 15 p.m. on the 16th inst. When the fire was discovered it was beyond control, and it was not until the three buildings had been destroyed that the fire brigades obtained mastery over the flames. Altogether five houses were reduced to ashes and another was badly damaged. It is supposed the fire originated by the friction of the beating machine. The factory, which was constructed in April, 1893, was fitted with 20 ginning machines. Forty male operatives and 161 female operatives were employed.—*Chronicle.*

RUSSIA IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, February 25th.

In spite of the fact that events in the Near East are more than sufficient to engross the attention of Russia, she has, nevertheless, found time and opportunity to carry out another remarkably successful stroke of policy in the Far East. Not content with grabbing the whole of Manchuria, and setting the whole world at defiance, she now makes a compact with Japan whereby she and that country become virtually and conjointly suzerain Powers over Korea. It is a cool proceeding, certainly; but, to tell the truth, we are becoming somewhat tired of this continual flouting of British rights and interests in the Far East. Are we always going to stand still in that part of the world? Because it lies 11,000 miles away there is a foolish tendency in this country to favour a policy of slide, and to let Russia take any plums which she may choose. At the present moment this interference of Russia and Japan in Korean affairs is in direct defiance of the treaty of Port Hamilton. It is true that an announcement is made that "as soon as order has been completely restored, the contracting Powers undertake to withdraw their troops." The veriest simpleton, however, will not find much difficulty in discerning the worthlessness of such a promise. Russia, especially, will take very good care that order will not be "completely restored" until the whole peninsula has been thoroughly Russianised and the pear ripe for plucking. It is easy to see what the next development of this highly interesting game will be. Owing to the pressure exerted on the King and the Government at Seoul, there will be another "concession" for railway construction—probably from Vladivostock to Port Lazareff. By this means Russia will possess another open terminus for her Siberian Railway, besides the new ones in the Gulf of Pechili. The force of 40,000 men which are now collecting on the Russo-Korean frontier are not gathered there for nothing. Neither are signs wanting of their ultimate destination. We may be pardoned for inquiring, in the meanwhile, what steps are being taken for the protection of British interests in the Far East?—*Globe.*

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 30.059
Thermometer 81.0
Humidity .....85.
Rainfall.....4.08 inches.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.01	29.86
Thermometer	70	70
Humidity.....	91	94
Rainfall	.....	.....

Monday, 29th March, 1897.

Chinese—*27th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*
Jewish—*25th Veadar, 5657.*
Mohammedan—*25th Shawall, 1314.*
Sun—*Rises* ..... *6hr. 57min.*
Sets ..... *6hr. 13min.*
High water—*Morning* ..... *8hr. 50min.*
Afternoon ..... *6hr. 51min.*
Low water—*Morning* ..... *1hr. 15min.*
Afternoon ..... *0hr. 36min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1842—Land Committee appointed in Hongkong.
1850—Bishop G. Smith, first Bishop of Hongkong, arrived.
1879—The British barque *Elizabeth Childs* attacked by Chinese pirates about 40 miles from Hongkong.
1883—Governor Sir George Bowen arrived in Hongkong.
1885—The Pescadores seized and occupied by French.
1894—Collision between the *Oxus* and *Glenavon* at Shanghai.

TO-MORROW,
Tuesday, 30th March, 1897.

Chinese.—*28th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*
(Tsing Ming, or Tomb Festival)
Jewish.—*26th Veadar, 5657.*
Mohammedan.—*26th Shawall, 1314.*
Sun—*Rises* ..... *5hr. 56min.*
Sets ..... *6hr. 13min.*
High water—*Morning* ..... *8hr. 52min.*
Afternoon ..... *7hr. 50min.*
Low water—*Morning* ..... *1hr. 51min.*
Afternoon ..... *1hr. 31min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1818—Governor Sir John Davis left for England.
1856—Peace proclaimed between England and Russia.
1870—Great fire at Foochow; 500 houses destroyed.
1874—Abolition of the coolie trade at Macao.
1883—Inauguration of new British Consulate at Shanghai.
1890—Convention for the opening of Chungking to foreign trade signed at Peking.
1896—The Japanese flag hoisted over the new settlement at Soochow.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY,—29th March.

The Transfer Books of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 31st inst, inclusive.

9 p.m.—Convocation of Cathay Chapter.

9.15 p.m.—Hudson's Surprise Party at the City Hall.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Tacoma (*Olympia*) to-morrow.
American (*China*) 31st inst.
Australian (*Australian*) 1st prox.
Indian (*Lightning*) 3rd prox.
English (*Menmuthire*) 4th prox.
German (*Bayern*) 7th prox.
American (*Peru*) 19th prox.

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THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, etc., left Shanghai for this port at 7 a.m. to-day.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Bremar* arrived at Tacoma on the 25th inst.

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THE Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) inform us that the Company's steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port last Saturday afternoon.

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THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Peru*, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port, *via* Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 23rd inst.

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WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) that the "Shire" Line steamer *Merionethshire* left Singapore for this port on the 27th instant, and is due here on or about the 3rd proximo.

THE Imperial German Mail steamer *Bayern* carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin to the 8th inst., left Colombo for this port on the 27th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 7th prox.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Yangtze .....steamer, from Europe
Kintuck ..... „ „ Singapore
Hailoong ..... „ „ Coast Ports
Namoa ..... „ „ Swatow
Tatsang ..... „ „ Canton
Hohenzollern ..... „ „ Japan
Hunan ..... „ „ Singapore
Wakanoura Maru ..... „ „ Seattle
China ..... „ „ Saigon
Changsha ..... „ „ Australia
Devawongse ..... „ „ Bangkok
Sisham ..... „ „ Saigon
Freir ..... „ — „ Haiphong
Bisagno ..... „ „ Singapore
Haitan ..... „ „ Haiphong
Sachsen ..... „ „ Shanghai
J. Diederichsen ... „ — „ Hoihow

Aggregating 24,947 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Kwangtai .....steamer, for Shanghai
Strathallan ..... „ „ Hongay
Yangtsé ..... „ „ Shanghai
Haimun ..... „ „ Coast Ports
Bentavig ..... „ „ Kobe
Doris ..... „ „ Shanghai
Germania ..... „ „ Saigon

Aggregating 10,663 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Katpan	in	Kowloon	Dock.
Kachidate Maru	„	„	„
Hanoi	„	„	„
Empress of China	„	„	„
Carrier Dove	„	„	„
Congo	„	„	„
Chunsang	„	„	„
Belgic	„	Cosmopolitan	„
Henry Failing	„	„	„

SWATOW.

Arrivals.	*from*	*Agents.*
Mar. 26 *Cheangchew*	Amoy	...L. Y. S. & Co.
27 *Hailoong*	„	...J. M. & Co.
„ *Haitan*	Hongkong	„
„ *Namoa*	„	„

Departures.	*for*	*Agents.*
Mar. 26 *Loosoh*	Bangkok	B. & S.
27 *Cheangchew* ...	Singapore ...	L. Y. S. & Co.
„ *Hailoong*	Hongkong ...	J. M. & Co.
„ *Namoa*	„ ...	„
„ *Haitan* ...	Amoy & Fchow ...	„
„ *Tai Lee*	Deli	L. & H.

Thick fog to-day; all steamers may be detained.

In Port—Nil.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD — 23rd Feb.—*Tosa Maru*, 26th February—*Anping, Pathan, Sophie Rickmers, Tamsue*, 2nd March—*Gisela, Benedick, Oresies, Merionethshire, Teucer, Canetia*, 5th March.—*Tatshun*, 9th March.—*Turbo*, 12th March.—*Mogul, Takow, Tancarville*, 16th March.—*Bayern, Antenor, Yamoguchi Maru*, 19th March.—*Argyle, Chingwo, Socotra* 23rd March—*Benlomond, Carmarthenshire, Sydney, Tantalus, Adour, Pictan*, 26th March.—*Benledi.*

HOMEWARD — 19th March. — *Myrmidon, Priam, Port Adelaide, Thyra*, 23rd Mar.—*Niobe* 26th March—*Caledonian, Prussia.*

Intimations.

NOTICE.

AT a MEETING of the COMMITTEE appointed by HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR to make arrangements for Celebrating the completion of the 60TH YEAR of the Reign of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, it was decided, in addition to arranging for other Celebrations, to endeavour to mark the auspicious occasion in HONGKONG by Establishing a PERMANENT MEMORIAL and to invite the Public to suggest what form such Memorial should take.

Any Member of the Community who may have any suggestion to offer is requested to forward it in writing to the Undersigned on or before WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [504

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in LONDON recently, a FINAL DIVIDEND of 3 PER CENT. was Declared on the COMPANY'S PREFERENCE SHARES for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1896, making 6 PER CENT. in all. A Dividend of 6 PER CENT. for the same year was also Declared on the COMPANY'S ORDINARY SHARES.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on the 31st instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th to the 31st inst., inclusive.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [512

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

AN ISSUE of B shares at par is offered to the Registered Shareholders of the above COMPANY in the proportion of Seven shares for every fifty shares they hold. Every Shareholder on the Register on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of April next, will be entitled to an allotment of Seven B shares for every Fifty shares whether A or B registered in his Name. All applications must be made on forms for the purpose, which may be obtained at the OFFICE of the COMPANY on and after the 7th day of April next, and must be filled up and lodged with the Company on or before WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of April next, together with a Sum of TWO DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS for every share applied for as a First Instalment. A receipt will be given, which must be forwarded to the Company in exchange for SCRIP.

The SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 7th April, to WEDNESDAY, the 14th April next, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

38-40, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [513

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged.

Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant will be adjusted by the Office, and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [383

Intimations.

It is

WASTE OF TIME

for us to "puff" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP

AND

CHAMPAGNE BITTERS,

are number ONE.

Proprietors, WATKINS & CO.,

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [13

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Hongkong, 15th May, 1896. [33

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will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th April, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [516

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHUNSANG,"

Captain Buller, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th April, at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [517

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MACDUFF,"

Captain Thomson, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 6th April, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [469

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

HONGKONG-VLADIVOSTOCK LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR VLADIVOSTOCK, VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN AND GENSAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOTOMI MARU"

will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 9th April, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1897. [498

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

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Captain H. Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, at 11 A.M.

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This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1897. [524

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.

(Subject to Alteration.)

Chittagong	Saturday	3rd April.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"CHITTAGONG,"

will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, (B.C.), and PORTLAND, OREGON, *via* KOBE and YOKOHAMA on SATURDAY, the 3rd April.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPLICATE; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1897. [403

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE British Steamship

"BRECONSHIRE,"

Captain Peebles, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 3rd April.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [409

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"OOLONG,"

R. Conradi, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 9th April.

For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [509

FOR NAGASAKI AND WLADIVOSTOCK.

THE German Steamer

"JACOB DIEDERICHSEN,"

Captain Schlaikder, will be ready to load here on or about FRIDAY, the 9th April, for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [474

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 30th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [530

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [531

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

Captain Cass, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [515

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the principal Cities in the UNITED STATES, CANADA and EUROPE, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"WAKANOURA MARU,"

Captain Allen, will be despatched hence on THURSDAY, the 1st April, at 4 P.M., for MOJI and KOBE, forming connection at the latter port with the Company's Steamship "MATSUYAMA MARU," which will take on the Cargo and Passengers destined for SEATTLE and POINTS BEYOND.

Consular Invoices for the United States should be in QUADRUPLICATE, and one Copy must be mailed by the Steamer to the care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Wash.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1897. [497

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND MARSEILLES.

THE Company's Steamship

"KINSHIU MARU,"

Captain W. Thompson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 2nd April, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [458

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA,"

Captain C. Bellen, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [528

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CEBU.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN,"

Captain Pearce, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 3rd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [505

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"IXION,"

Captain Nish, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th April.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897 [508

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A1 British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE,"

Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [244

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Bark

"COLOMA,"

Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

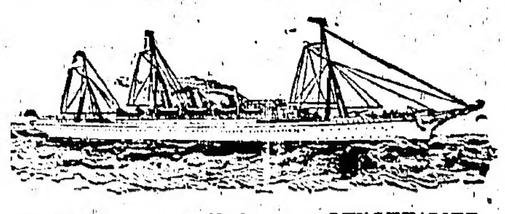
For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [279

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE

1897.  1897.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 28th April.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 19th May.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia; *via* Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong *via* Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, *Pedder's Street.*

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 1st April, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th March 1897. [2

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

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EVERY KIND OF

SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT

REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [39

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Saturday, 1st May, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Thursday, 20th May, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vi*a SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 13th April, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *via* Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [1

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SANITARY SOFT SOAP. DISINFECTANT SOAPS.

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1897. [10

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:

ALSO

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen	Tuesday...	30th March.
Bayern	Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Sepmer, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 27th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 29th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 29th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [390

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK $350.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA $225.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Olympia	2,608	Saturday...	April 3.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	May 11.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	May 25.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	June 8.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday....	June 29.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	July 27.

THE Steamship

"OLYMPIA,"

Captain J. Trueblood, sailing at Noon, on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, will proceed to TACOMA (Wash.), calling at YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [4

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"ROSETTA,"

Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 8th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Oceana* leaving that Port on the 1st May for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [5

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